

On The Road: Money Saving Tips from The Maryland Energy Administration

Increase Your Fuel Efficiency & Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Money and Fuel Saving Tips from The Drive Smarter Challenge:

- **Curb road rage.** Speeding, rapid acceleration (jackrabbit starts), and rapid braking can lower gas mileage by 33% at highway speeds. Drivers can save up to 80 gallons of gasoline, or up to \$310, by driving sensibly on the highway. If you don't have a "lead foot," your savings may be closer to 10% at highway speeds – about \$95
 - **Drive sensibly.** Around town, sensible driving can save 5% – up to 30 gallons of gasoline and up to \$115.
 - **Ditch "junk in the trunk."** An extra 100 pounds in the trunk cuts a typical vehicle's fuel economy by up to 2%. You can save up to 12 gallons of gasoline per year – almost \$45 – by removing an extra 100 pounds of unneeded items from the trunk.
- **Inflate Your Tires.** Keeping your tires properly inflated is simple and improves gas mileage by around 3%, saving up to 20 gallons of gasoline, or up to \$75.
- **Select the Right Oil.** Using the manufacturer's recommended grade of motor oil, including re-refined motor oil, improves gas mileage by 1 to 2%, resulting in annual savings of up to \$45. Motor oil that says "Energy Conserving" on the API performance symbol contains friction-reducing additives.



(*Tips are calculated as **annual savings**, driving the national average of 12,500 miles per year in a vehicle with a fuel economy of 20.1 mpg using regular grade gasoline at \$3.78 per gallon—the projected 2008 annual average by the Energy Information Administration's June Short Term Energy Outlook.)

For the full list of Smart Driving Tips, go to www.drivesmarterchallenge.org

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Focused totally on transportation, the new [Drive Smarter Challenge](#) campaign is managed by the [Alliance to Save Energy](#), an organization that promotes energy efficiency worldwide to achieve a healthier economy, a cleaner environment, and greater energy security. The Maryland Energy Administration is pleased to support the fuel efficiency efforts of the Drive Smarter Challenge Campaign and the Alliance for Saving Energy.

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